

## WESTERN UNION HEAD, ONCE EL PASO OPERATOR, VISITS THE CITY

### RAN WHOLE OFFICE WHEN HERE

Was Manager, Operator, Cashier and All the Clerks Rolled Into One.

### NOW HEADS THE ENTIRE SYSTEM

Says the Night Letter Is Popular and Is Here to Stay—The Telephone.

More than a quarter century ago Belvidere Brooks was manager and only operator of a little telegraph office in the old State National bank building. He was also clerk, cashier and everything but messenger. He had two messenger boys at his command.

But Friday morning Belvidere Brooks walked into the Western Union offices at 109 South Oregon street where 97 persons are employed. As general manager of the mammoth telegraph concern, he witnessed the change which had occurred since he was himself an operator in early El Paso—the third the company ever had here.

With a party of officials, the newly appointed general manager arrived in El Paso Friday morning. In the company car, "Morse," named after the inventor of the telegraph, the official New York city, over the Santa Fe. The party will leave Friday night for Tucson, and thence over all coast states. On his first tour of the southwest as general manager of the big company, Mr. Brooks makes a first stop in El Paso, the scene of his early activities in the world of wire and key.

"Not in Texas." "They used to come into my office at El Paso and say, 'I hope for Texas tonight,'" he said in speaking of the El Paso of yesterday. "I came here in October, 1885, from Waco, where I managed an office. In 1885 I went to Denver and was there 12 years. I was assistant superintendent there, and El Paso was in my territory."

"Yes, the El Paso office has changed wonderfully. My office over the State National bank was about 14 feet square. I ran it all alone with two messengers. I know many El Paso people. Oh yes, I have been back since, very often. My son, Gerald, was born in El Paso. He is a member of the New York stock exchange now. Two other children were born in Galveston, and one in Denver."

From Denver, Mr. Brooks was sent to the New York office in 1902. He served as manager of the eastern division before his appointment as general manager in February of this year. Although a Texan by birth and rearing, Mr. Brooks looks the New Yorker. Since his appointment as general manager, the Western Union company has surprised the public with a new, novel and popular system, the night letter. But Mr. Brooks modestly denies being its sole author.

"The night letter resulted from a general idea," he said. "It has exceeded all our expectations. Yes, it has come to stay. It is popular and a success."

"We are working on it, and which will alter present conditions. It is our aim to place the telegraph at the service of any person in the country. The rural telephone is the means to the end. Previously we have been very particular about accepting messages over the telephone, except from patrons known to us. Now we are adopting a more liberal policy. Cooperation with the telephone people is doing it. No, there is no competition to speak of. We work in different fields."

### Mother Is Here.

While in the city, Mr. Brooks met his mother, Mrs. N. W. Brooks, who divides her time between New York City and her son, J. W. Brooks, chief operator of the El Paso offices, at his home, 808 El Paso street. Chief operator Brooks and manager Norman Ringler, of the local office, showed the big official through the local plant, and as all other visiting officials, who are: W. N. Foshbaugh, company electrician; W. C. Merly, secretary to the general manager, and S. E. Leonard, superintendent of the Denver district, who met the party at La Junta and will return to Denver from this city. Mrs. Belvidere Brooks, who was a Waco girl, is accompanying her husband on the trip. Mr. Brooks last month completed his first tour of the southern district. He will return by way of Denver.

### The Head Of the Western Union



MR. DELVIDERE BROOKS

## FIGHT FANS ALBUQUERQUE THROWN INTO SALT SEA FOR ALL

### Accident at Salt Lake, Utah, Results in Serious Injury at Prize Fight.

### STAIRWAY BREAKS UNDER THE STRAIN

Salt Lake, Utah, May 13.—A panic, an involuntary bath in the Great Salt Lake and a ride home in an improvised hospital train marked the initiation of the hippodrome at Salt Lake resort in the hippodrome in which the Jeffries-Johnson fight would have been held had it come to Salt Lake.

Three thousand persons went to see a fight between "Cyclone" Johnny Thompson and Pete Sullivan. A hundred of them went into the waters of the lake with a collapsing stairway, and more than a score were carried back to their homes in this city with broken limbs, contusions or with mouth and nostrils sealed and eyes almost blinded by the biting brine of the inland sea.

The stairway collapsed after Thompson had knocked out Sullivan in the ninth round.

A mad struggle in the stinging salt water took place. Gasping and struggling, seizing one another and fighting loose from the wreckage the half submerged fight fanatics, four of them, were one by one drawn from the brine and the injured hastily placed aboard a train and taken to the city.

**MAN AND THREE CHILDREN BURN.**  
Fairbault, Minn., May 13.—Bert Sperry, his three children and their grandmother were burned to death in a fire that destroyed their home here today. Sperry and two children were saved.

**CHARTERS FORFEITED.**  
Austin, Tex., May 13.—According to the secretary of state, 1000 corporations in Texas have forfeited their charters for failure to pay the franchise tax by May 2, but they have until July 1 to pay a penalty of 25 percent and \$5 for reinstatement.

### Wants Privilege of Irrigating From River North of Elephant Butte.

### GALLES PLEASED AT THE RESULT

Albuquerque, N. M., May 13.—The following resolutions were passed yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the convention, the resolutions being drafted by a committee appointed Wednesday and a copy was ordered sent to delegate W. H. Andrews:

"Resolved, that this convention believes that in order to develop the interests of New Mexico, full and intelligent use of her waters is necessary. The convention believes that the public projects of the Pecos and Leasburg diversion dam have been a success, as have private projects in San Juan and San Miguel counties. It believes that all enterprises that foster irrigation are indispensable."

"The convention believes that there is ample amount of water in the territory for all her needs and that there is in the Rio Grande enough for the Elephant Butte project without interfering with the northern end of the territory."

"Investigation has satisfied us that the use for local irrigation between the Colorado line and the Elephant Butte project of the water needed for that purpose will have no detrimental effect on the water supply at San Marcial, but will rather tend to conserve and equalize it."

"The convention voices the belief that the restrictions upon the water in the upper end of the territory at this time are unnecessary and asks the secretary of the interior that the appropriation of water heretofore made by the government for the Elephant Butte project, be so modified as not to interfere with important and meritorious irrigation enterprises in the Rio Grande valley for the benefit of the people and the increase of their population and wealth, in accordance with the provisions of section 40, chapter 43 of the laws of New Mexico of 1907."

The Journal this morning says: "While considered fair and impartial it was the consensus of opinion among the delegates to the convention, that the resolutions amply urged the claims of the water users north of the big project and at the same time avoided the useless and undiplomatic reflection upon the Elephant Butte and the people to be benefited thereby."

The principal business Thursday was the seating of representatives from Dona Ana county and the answering of questions of importance by W. M. Reed, in charge of the project at Elephant Butte.

Galle's Pleas.  
Las Cruces, N. M., May 13.—Nick Galle, who attended the convention at Albuquerque and went up a day before the meeting opened, stated to a representative of The Herald this morning that the opposition of the people of that city was based on misinformation disseminated by representatives of the Victorio Land & Cattle company, who for a selfish motive opposed the project.

Mr. Galle is well known to the majority of the business men of Albuquerque and in interviewing them before the meeting was called to order.

## The Georges Who Have Ruled Britain



### The New King George Very Busy Man—Will Receive Roosevelt in Audience. Father's Funeral.

London, Eng., May 13.—King George V, though a very busy monarch, and mourning for his royal father, will give audience to Thea Roosevelt, ex-president of the United States, when he reaches here.

Will Meet Roosevelt.  
At the king's wish former president Roosevelt, who has been named as special envoy of the United States to attend the funeral of the late king, will be presented to King George soon after his arrival in London on Monday. Mr. Roosevelt, as special ambassador, will occupy a place with the visiting monarchs in the funeral procession, and also will attend the burial at Windsor.

A Busy King.  
From a life of comparative ease and retirement King George suddenly finds himself one of the hardest worked officials of the kingdom.

Seven o'clock each morning finds his majesty already at his desk in Marlborough House to reply to the innumerable messages of condolence and to receive his ministers and the officials which have to do with the obsequies.

The procession to Westminster hall on Tuesday for the lying in state will be almost on as great a scale as the funeral procession. The cortege will include king George and all the foreign sovereigns on horseback, and the queen mother and the royal ladies in carriages. The body will be received by the members of the house of lords and the house of commons while the choir of Westminster Abbey and the chapel royal, and the band of the Coldstream Guards will take part in the musical service.

Friday Procession.  
When the funeral procession starts on Friday every tram car in London will come to a standstill for a quarter of an hour. It also is proposed that all public houses in London be closed while the procession is passing.

Hundreds of carpenters are building stands along the route that will be followed by the funeral procession and owners of frontages are preparing to make the most of their good fortune. Twenty-five dollars to \$50 is obtainable easily for a single seat at points of vantage.

A note of discord in the universal mourning comes from Dublin, where at a meeting of the corporation today seven members of the Sinn Fein society voted against the lord mayor's resolution to send a message of sympathy and condolence to the queen mother and the royal family.

It is now known that seven kings besides king George V will attend the funeral of Edward VII. They are: William, emperor of Germany and king of Prussia; King Frederick VIII. of Denmark; King Haakon VII. of Norway; King Alfonso XIII. of Spain; King Manuel II. of Portugal; King Albert of Belgium; King George I. of Greece.

Other mourners will be the queen of Norway, the archduke Ferdinand, representing the emperor of Austria; the dowager empress Marie Ferdinanda, and the grand duke Michael, representing

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**HEINZE ACQUITTED OF CROOKED FINANCING**  
Montana Copper King Wins Victory Over Government in Trial of Case in New York.

New York, May 13.—Frederick Augustus Heinze was acquitted last night on charges of misapplication of the funds of the Mercantile National bank, while he was president of the institution in 1907, and he was cleared of the charge of over certification of checks of his brother's firm, Otto Heinze & Co.

A jury in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court, after a trial lasting nearly three weeks, found him not guilty at 9:50 last night and he was discharged.

This failed the government's attempt to hold Heinze responsible for high financing during the panic of three years ago.

**WELS BUCKING THEATRICAL TRUST**  
Opens Texas Houses to Shuberts and the Trust Alike. Trust Gets Injunction.

New York, N. Y., May 13.—Justice Whitney, of the supreme court, issued an order today in an action brought by Klaw & Erlanger against Albert Wels, of the American Theatrical exchange, requiring Wels to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed for the leading theaters throughout Texas and Arkansas, now being operated jointly by Wels and his sons—Sig. Dave and Albert—and Klaw & Erlanger, and why Wels should not be restrained and enjoined from operating the theaters of the circuit. The plaintiffs say that Wels, who recently went over to the Shuberts, has violated his agreement with them. They say they paid Mr. Wels a large sum of money for an interest in the Texas circuit, and they were to get the exclusive booking of these theaters.

Trust Strengthens Itself.  
Simultaneously with the filing of the suit, the "trust"—Klaw & Erlanger—issues a statement which indicates their still further hold upon the big theatrical attractions of the country. The statement is signed by Klaw & Erlanger and says:

"The most important alliance in the theatrical business has just been formed by the principal producing managers in the United States, consisting of J. M. Seligman, David Belasco, F. V. Savoy, Henry J. Harris, Brooks, Cohan & Har-

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**EARTHQUAKE FELT LAST NIGHT SOMEWHERE.**  
Cleveland, O., May 13.—The seismograph at St. Ignace, Mich., shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. Tremors lasted an hour and 17 minutes. Father Odenbach, the observer, says the record greatly resembled that made by the earthquake in Costa Rica last week, but was a much more serious earth shock.

**ROOSEVELT VISITS HOME FOR AGED NEPHEW.**  
Berlin, Germany, May 13.—Theo. Roosevelt in company of burgomaster Kirehner, motored this morning to Buch, a suburb, where a colony of 1500 workmen, men and women, are maintaining in relative comfort at the expense of the city of Berlin.

The subject of public dependents is pursued by the former president who, while in Germany, investigated a similar institution.

Mr. Roosevelt was a guest at luncheon in this city of ambassador David Jayne Hill.

**MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP CARRIES BY BIG VOTE**  
Municipal ownership carried Thursday by a majority of 509 votes, though the total vote cast was only 507, two of the votes not being counted. One man in precinct 8 voted against both propositions and one in precinct 1 signified his desire for municipal ownership, but not to purchase the present plant.

Very little interest was shown in the election in any of the precincts and some of the polling places were not opened to the voters until 11 o'clock in the morning. The heaviest vote cast was in precinct 8, where 112 votes were polled, 91 of which were for municipal ownership. The lightest vote cast was in the second precinct, where only 27 votes were cast, but there 21 votes were cast in favor of purchasing the plant. Out in Highland Park where they used to have a waterworks system of their own, the voters recognized the benefits to be received from a municipal plant and of 92 votes cast there was only one in favor of raising the rates.

In all of the precincts above San Antonio street, where there is a strictly

## PRISONER IS DANGLED IN THE AIR

Begs to Be Pulled up and Dropped Again as He Swings by Neck in Midair.

### OVER 22 MINUTES BEFORE HE DIES

### Was the Thirteenth Man Hanged in the Place, on Friday, 13th of the Month.

Walla Walla, Wash., May 13.—Moaning "For God's sake take me up and drop me again, boys," Richard Quinn, a wife murderer, of Everett, Wash., dangled at the end of a rope beneath the scaffold in the prison here this morning and slowly strangled to death it being 22-1/2 minutes from the time the trap was sprung until he was out down.

The horror was the fault of the hangman. The cords in the back of Quinn's neck are abnormally large and he held his head back and tensed the muscles as the trap was sprung.

The attendants were startled when Quinn's legs began to twitch, and then horrified by his screams of "Boys, this is awful," and "For God's sake take me up and drop me again, boys."

He was able to unbuckle the straps about his arms and drop them to the ground. After a moment his words became inarticulate and shortly he ceased to sway.

Quinn was the thirteenth man to be hanged here and a peculiar coincidence is that this is Friday, the 13th day of the month.

### TEXAS NEGRO PAYS THE DEATH PENALTY

### Is Hanged at Dallas as Party to a Murder for a Man's Money.

Dallas, Tex., May 13.—Hopeful to the last minute that pardon would come by telegraph, Bubba Robertson, a negro, was hanged by sheriff Ledbetter in the county jail here a few minutes before noon today. The negro was convicted of killing Frank Wolford, a farmer, of Rosehill, this county, November 11, 1908. Following the murder, which had as its motive robbery, three were arrested and two were given the death penalty but one died in jail. Another turned state's evidence and the third was hanged today.

Robertson was comparatively calm. His body was out down a short time after the fall, when the doctors declared him dead. The fall broke his neck, causing instant death.

### HYDE NOT A BIT SUPERSTITIOUS

### Does Not Mind His Case Going to the Jury on Friday, the 13th.

Kansas City, Mo., May 13.—By tonight the jury which is to decide the fate of Dr. B. C. Hyde, accused of murder and poisoning in connection with the Swope mystery, will have retired to consider its verdict.

If the final arguments of the state and the defense are not finished this afternoon, judge Lathaw will hold a night session.

Perhaps this will prove an unlucky "Friday, the 13th," for the physician. However he does not think so; he is not the least superstitious and is confident of the outcome. "I shall be acquitted," he said this morning.

Attorney Brewster for the state made their addresses at the morning session.

**400 EARTH SHOCKS WITHIN A MONTH**  
San Jose, Costa Rica, May 13.—Earth tremors continue today. In the month since April 13 400 distinct shocks have been recorded.

Volcanoes in the vicinity exhibit no especial activity.

## WESTERN UNION WILL PUT OPERATORS ON TOP FLOOR MOVE INTO NEW BANK

With completion of the American National bank building the Western Union Telegraph company will occupy the most up-to-date telegraph offices in the state of Texas. Then the company patrons will not have to transact their business amid the rattle of keys. The new telegraph offices will have the appearance of a bank, and the silence of a bank as well.

Offices on the ground floor of the new building will be decorated and fitted exactly as the bank quarters. Space 24 by 48 feet will contain the clerical and delivery departments, and offices for manager Norman Ringler. All the noise-making apparatus will be removed.

On the seventh floor, high above the street, space about 40 by 50 will be occupied by the operating and mechanical departments. Pneumatic tubes will connect the two general departments, allowing almost immediate transmission of messages from clerk to wire. All apparatus will be new throughout.